THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 40,000 Mts; the price is yet to be negotiated.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). Import of 40,000 MTs of newsprint is in order to bridge the supply - demand gap. The sale price would be fixed by the Newsprint Price Fixation Advisory Committee after the purchase is finalised.

Short Supply of Power by SEBs/DVC

4036. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to short supply of power by SEBs/DVC, the export efforts of engineering industries in the country have been affected;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce drastic changes in the power distribution policy to boost export of engineering goods; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Industrial production/performance of industries depends upon various factors such as availability of raw material, demand for the product, industrial relations, management efficiency etc. and power shortage is only one of the contributing factors. Power Supply to various categories of consumers falls under the distribution system of the State and is the prerogative of State Govt./SEB. However, various measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existent power stations, reduction of T&D losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

Security of Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium

4037. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security arrangements at the Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium during the one day international match between South Africa and India was not adequate; and

(b) if, so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide adequate security arrangements in such events in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The Police had deployed 18 companies, including women police, during the one-day International Match between South Africa and India on 14th November, 1991, at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium. To prevent bursting of crackers and throwing of fruit skins from the upper stands to the seating area down below, additional force has been decided to be deployed in future.